

CHECKLIST FOR FINDING AND HIRING A BUILDER OR REMODELER



- Contact the Metro Omaha Builders Association for the names of local licensed and insured member builders and remodelers.

- Ensure that the builder or remodeler maintains a fixed business address and has earned a strong reputation with local banks and suppliers.

- Discover their experience in the building industry. Typically, it takes three to five years to establish a financially stable business. Ensuring their longevity post-construction is crucial for warranty service.

- Investigate the company's rating and whether there have been any complaints with the local Better Business Bureau.

- Ensure that the builder or remodeler possesses adequate workers' compensation and general liability insurance. Otherwise, you could be held responsible for any construction-related accidents that occur on your property.

- Inquire with the builder or remodeler for references from previous clients. If they refuse, proceed with caution. If they oblige, ask these clients if they would rehire the builder or remodeler.

- Request to inspect both completed and ongoing projects of the builder or remodeler. Evaluate the workmanship and the quality of materials utilized.

- Do you find it easy to communicate with the builder or remodeler? Remember, you'll be closely interacting with them throughout the construction process and afterwards as you reside in your home.

- Make certain that the builder or remodeler gives you a detailed and well-written contract. This contract will be advantageous for both parties involved. Additionally, if you're having a new home built, be sure to obtain and review a copy of the home warranty and homeowner manual.

- Exercise caution when considering unusually low-priced bids. If the builder or remodeler struggles to cover the costs of materials and labor throughout the project, it could signal potential issues. Remember, cheaper doesn't always mean better quality!



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